

**RESIDENTS
WITHOUT BORDERS**



UCL

COMMUNITY VOICES WORKSHOP



Booking Essential!
Attend in person or online!

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Venue: Access Islington Central Hub,
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222 Upper Street, N1

Date: **Thursday, 6th November 2025**

Time: 10.30am to 2.30pm

TOPIC: OVERCROWDING - HACKS

FOR: COUNCIL TENANTS LIVING IN OVERCROWDED HOMES

The UK is facing a housing crisis, which means there is a shortage of affordable homes. Councils like Islington are working hard, but in the short term, many people living in overcrowded conditions will not be able to move to a home with more space. A research project with community partners and Islington Council found that while living in overcrowded conditions can be very difficult, experiences vary. There were some promising ideas for improving homes and surrounding areas that could help families live more comfortably.

This first event is for Islington residents in council homes who live in overcrowded conditions to share ideas on practical strategies for improving their homes. There will be opportunities to hear from staff in the council and other organisations that provide support and advice. The event is also to inform the next steps for supporting other residents in overcrowding.

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Agenda

- 10:20 am – Register and enjoy free tea/coffee & biscuits
- 10:30 am – Introduction & Housekeeping and Information on Grants - **Shamim Noronha, Residents Without Borders**
- 10:40 am – Why small spaces - What we've learnt from residents, VCS and research - **Jessica Sheringham, UCL**
- 10:45 am – Meet your table, say why you've come, what you'd like to get from the event
- 11:00 am – What you can do: Tips for redesign /use of space - **Sadhana Jagannath, Imperial College London, Mayra Alvarado, and Marian Oo, Evidence Islington**
- 11:15 am – Ideas for improving your home: Examples from Jannaty workshops - **Majida Sayaam**
- 11:30 am – Feedback: Tables to share their layout and storage hacks
- 12:15 pm – Healthwatch Islington: tips to support your mental wellbeing in small spaces - **Philippa Russell Healthwatch Islington, North London Foundation Trust**
- 12:30 pm – Help from Islington Council - **Ronald Mousson, LBI Overcrowding Adviser**
- Islington Council Housing Allocations Team's offer and advice for people living in overcrowding
- Moving out:**
- Rebidding
 - Making your case
- Staying:**
- Grants for furniture
- 12:45 pm – Enjoy free lunch and socialise - **Also an opportunity to talk with presenters, Islington Council staff, advisors or researchers**
- 1:30 pm – WHAT NEXT? **Shamim Noronha and Jessica Sheringham - Co-chairing**
- 2:30 pm – End of Workshop

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